











**VAMPIRE:** According to ancient legends, a dead body which comes to life, rises from the grave and gains great strength and power by preying upon living men.



A LIVING BODY... THAT SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE! BUT BRAM THIRLA'S AN IMPOSSIBLE CREATURE. POOR DOCTOR DEEVERS MIXTURE OF SCIENCE AND MAGIC HAS SET FREE A TERRIBLE DANGER ON THE WORLD!



IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOW HORRIBLE FATE OVERTAKES MANY CITIZENS!

USELESS FOR YOU TO RUN OR SCREAM, MY DEAR. YOUR LIFE IS ALREADY MINE!

HELP!



HERE'S THE LATEST NEWS ON THE STRANGE TRAGEDY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, FOLKS... MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE OUT ALONE AT NIGHT HAVE BEEN FOUND DEAD OF AN UNKNOWN CAUSE. DOCTORS AND POLICE CAN GIVE NO EXPLANATION... BUT YOUR ANNOUNCER, BILLY BATSON, WILL TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY. KEEP TUNED IN ON ME!



HE GOES TO THE LIBRARY TO PURSUE HIS STUDY.

I WANT A BOOK ON VAMPIRES.

THIS IS THE BEST WORK ON THE SUBJECT.

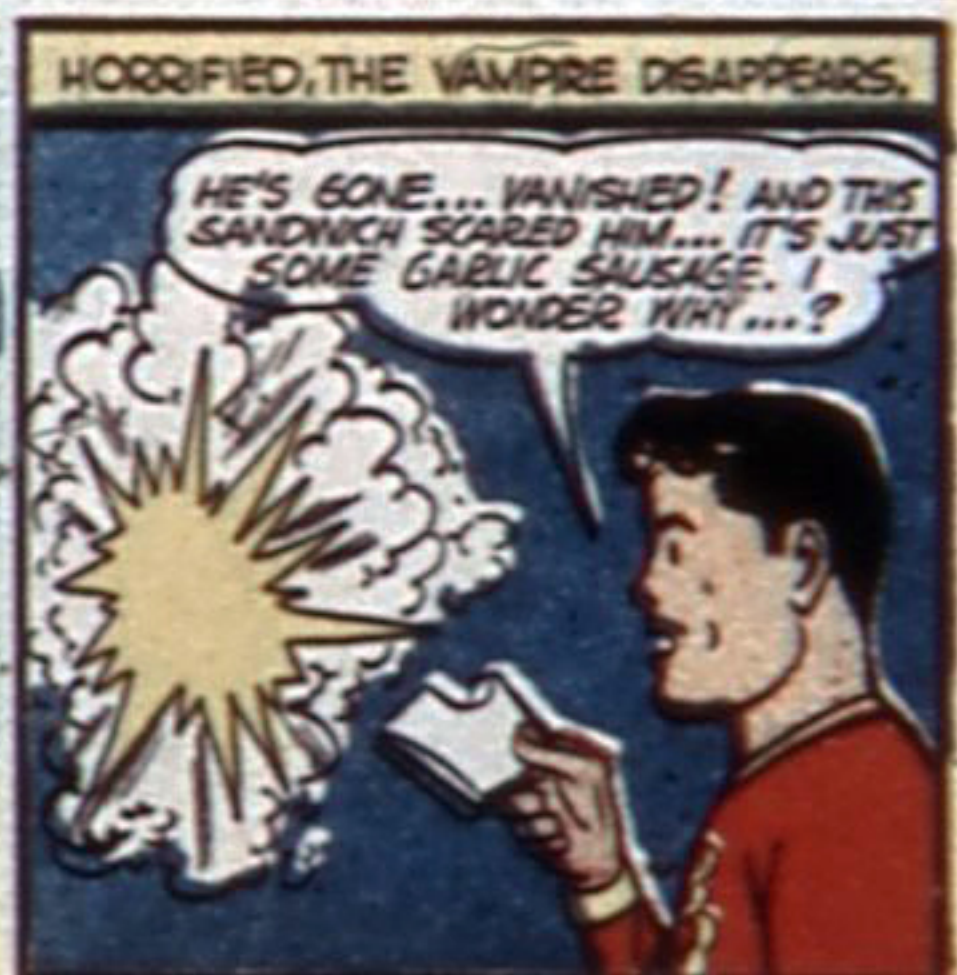


THE FIRST CHAPTER TELLS BILLY THAT ALL NATIONS HAVE FEARFUL TALES OF THE LIVING DEAD WHO TORMENT AND DESTROY HEALTHY, NORMAL FOLK. THE LIFE AND STRENGTH OF VICTIMS ARE ABSORBED BY THE VAMPIRES, GIVING THEM TERRIBLE POWERS FOR EVIL, AND WHEN THE VICTIMS DIE THEY, TOO, BECOME VAMPIRES. NO ORDINARY WEAPONS WILL DESTROY A VAMPIRE...













HE BROADCASTS THE SECRET TO HIS RADIO AUDIENCE.

HELLO EVERYBODY! HERE'S A TIP ON HOW TO FIGHT THAT MYSTERIOUS DEATH-PLAGUE THAT FOOLS THE DOCTORS. KEEP GARLIC AROUND THE HOUSE... AT THE DOORS AND WINDOWS... BESIDE YOUR BED. IF YOU GO OUT AT NIGHT, CARRY GARLIC IN YOUR POCKET... IT SOUNDS FUNNY, BUT IT WORKS. I'M NOT KIDDING!



ANOTHER NIGHT FALLS, WITH GRIM PROMISE OF FEAR... AND BILLY BATSON HEADS FOR THE SPOT WHERE THE VAMPIRE HAD HIS BEGINNING.



AT MIDNIGHT, THIRLA GATHERS AROUND HIM A HOST OF VAMPIRES, THE UNHAPPY VICTIMS OF HIS OWN DIABOLICAL VIOLENCE.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE ARE IN A DESPERATE SITUATION. AN ENEMY WARNED THE PEOPLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH GARLIC... AND IF WE CANNOT FIND LIFE TO FEED OURSELVES, WE WILL STARVE.

















THE VOICE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL SPEAKS FROM THE GREAT WOLF'S STOMACH.





AT THAT MOMENT, THE SUN BEGINS TO RISE.

TO A FINISH?  
THAT SUITS  
ME FINE!

NO... WAIT.  
IT IS  
DAWN...



AS THE LIGHT GROWS, THIRLA  
COLLAPSES AS IF STRICKEN.

Ooooooooooooo



HE'S DEAD  
ALL RIGHT, BEFORE  
I EVEN TOUCHED  
HIM!



BACK HE  
GOES WHERE  
I FIRST SAW  
HIM.



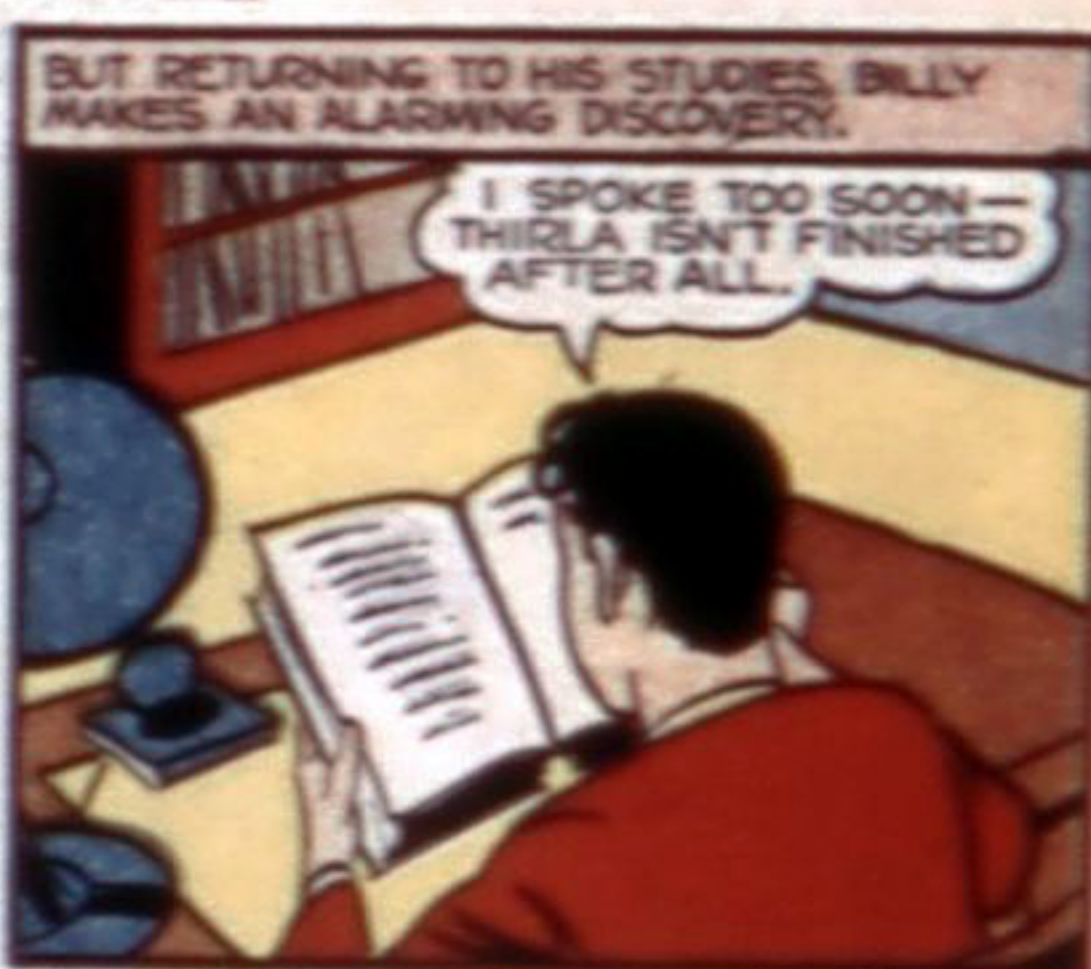
LET'S HOPE  
THE WORLD  
WON'T SEE  
HIM AGAIN.

INTO THE GRAVE FROM WHICH DOCTOR  
DEEVER REVIVED HIM, THE VAMPIRE  
THIRLA IS THROWN...



IF I HURRY, I'LL  
BE HOME IN TIME  
TO MAKE A  
BREAKFAST  
BROADCAST.







AT ALMOST THE SAME MOMENT, THE SUN GOES DOWN, THE MOON COMES UP — AND SO DOES THE EVIL THIRLA.

NOW TO MEET AND SMASH THE ONE WHO HAS CAUSED ME SUCH GRIEF — THE BOY WHO TURNS HIMSELF INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL.

THE DEMONS WHISPER THAT HE IS ABROAD TONIGHT. THEY WILL GUIDE ME TO HIM.



HA! THERE IS MY VICTIM.



THIRLA HAS COME FOR YOU.

GEE! SHAZAM!

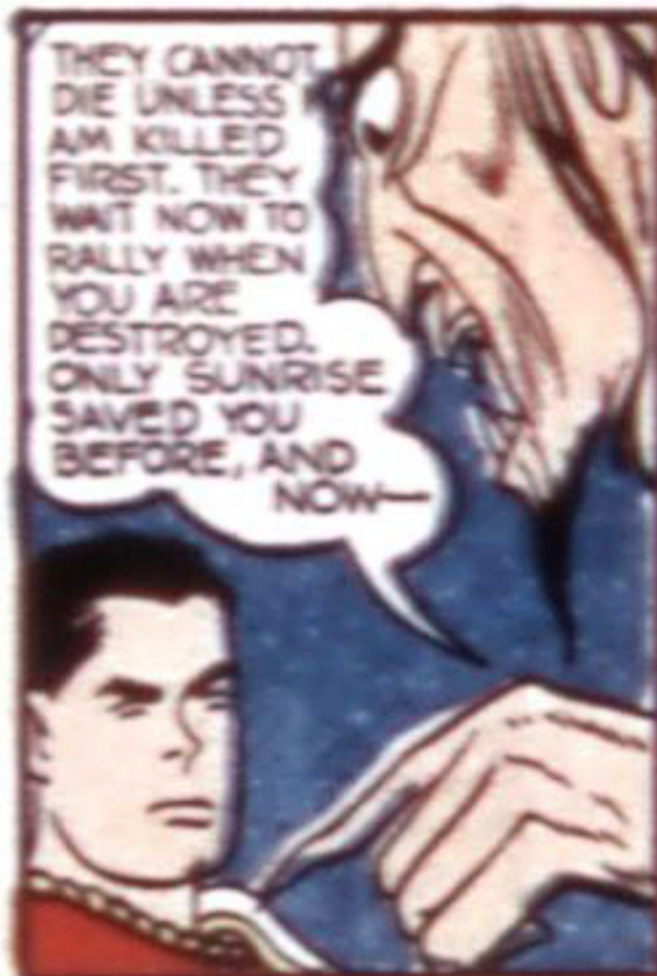


AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING POAR—



TRIED TO SNEAK UP ON ME, DID YOU? WELL, LAST NIGHT I SMASHED YOUR VAMPIRE FOLLOWING AND TONIGHT—

DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF, CAPTAIN MARVEL. MY PEOPLE ARE NOT DEAD.



THEY CANNOT DIE UNLESS I AM KILLED FIRST. THEY WAIT NOW TO RALLY WHEN YOU ARE DESTROYED. ONLY SUNRISE SAVED YOU BEFORE, AND NOW—



— YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME. YOUR STRENGTH WON'T HURT A VAMPIRE.

MAYBE NOT, BUT—

AGAIN CAPTAIN MARVEL FACES THE KING VAMPIRE.



